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At first glance there was a wry thought behind yesterday's headline: "France Hopes to Make Atom Bombs by 1953." But the text of the Paris dispatch said:

"The French high commissioner of atomic energy insisted, however, that the French government is interested in atomic energy only for peaceful purposes."

And, to be perfectly frank, you have to give the French the benefit of the doubt. Even though we are contributing billions of American dollars to the economic relief of France and Europe the suspicion that this is being diverted to atomic research for war-making purposes is hardly justified.

The cold facts are that most of the stoves of war are also the stoves of peace and are usually prepared for the everyday needs of men since men are at peace more often than they are at war. It may be—and this is a comforting thought as Christmas draws near—the eventual history of atomic development will be pretty much like the history of all the other great discoveries that preceded it. You can make out a case of war-mongering against the invention of dynamite and the airplane. For instance, you can't make the charge stick. Both the airplane and dynamite are basic elements of today's peace-time life—not merely weapons of war.

The invention of dynamite recalls a classic charge. Alfred Nobel (1833-96) invented dynamite in 1867, and a little later produced smokeless powder. He built many factories for explosives throughout the world—and before his death was accused of being king of the war-makers.

But the gifted Swedish engineer was actually a man of peace, and his explosives did far more work in peace-time than in war, excavating for engineers, blasting for miners, and clearing fields for farmers.

Let us hope as much for atomic energy. There is more profit applying new tools to peace-time pursuits than to war, and finally it is men, not tools, who decide whether we are going to have war or peace.

U. S. Distaste for Fascism  
Leaving France on Limb  
By JAMES THRASHER

James A. Farley has returned from Europe with the conviction that we ought to establish diplomatic relations with France again. And he told the Overseas Press Club in New York that on his recent tour he didn't meet "any person of any importance" who disagreed with him.

The former postmaster general blames "a group in the State Department" for our present policy. He thinks that since we disregarded communism in making a defensive wartime alliance with Russia, we should make a similar arrangement with France with an equal disregard of his unsavory regime.

"It's difficult for the Spanish people to understand our attitude," Mr. Farley said. "They can't see why we are spending billions of dollars in Germany and Italy, our wartime enemies, and yet are unfriendly enough to bar Spain from non-military conferences on health and hygiene."

Our attitude may puzzle Mr. Farley and the important people who agree with him as much as it does the Spaniards. But American policy really isn't such a mystery.

The billions we are spending in Germany and Italy are a sign of sentimental friendliness. They are being spent for two reasons. The recovery of these two important but war-devastated countries is necessary to European recovery. And they are being spent to encourage and support against the encroachment of postwar communism.

But the Germans and Italians are not being included in non-military conferences on health and hygiene on health and hygiene or other international discussions.

America's first objective in World War II was to destroy fascism in Europe. With our allies we succeeded in ridding the world of Hitler, and we did not eliminate France because he was technically "neutral." And he remained neutral because, in his weak and vulnerable position, his pro-Axis non-belligerence was more valuable than active participation.

But France was and still is a Fascist. His only possible political tie with us is that he apparently hates communism even more than we do.

Mr. Farley's argument for accepting Spain's defensive ally, just as we did Russia, seems hardly valid. We made a pact with the Soviets as a result of Hitler's declaration of war on both countries. It would have been folly for us to have sided with Germany against the other. If Russia and the West had not joined forces, Hitler would never have been defeated by May of 1945, and tens of thousands more lives would have been sacrificed.

We are not at war today. And it

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**Fight to Death in Defense of Peiping**

Nanking, Dec. 18 — (AP) — A fight to the death for Peiping was pledged in North China today, although strong belief persists that the historic city will be spared the agony of battle.

The Chinese came as the Nationalist position grew worse and a new peace story cropped up. This time in Hong Kong a foe of Chiang Kai-shek said peace was possible if Chiang Kai-shek is ousted "right away."

The Reds defended Peiping was made by Gen. Fu Tso-yi, commander in the north. Nationalists and Communists are fighting only three miles from the isolated city on the west. The Reds were repulsed on the east and south.

The Communists captured the air field seven miles south of Peiping. Four foreign correspondents with a Nationalist courier party, which arrived by plane Friday, were driven away from the field by gunfire when they attempted to return to Nanking today.

Associated Press Correspondent Harold K. Mills, a member of the party, got within a mile of the field. He said the Reds held the airport control tower. The government had said the Reds were "wiped out."

There was a lull in the fighting closer to the city, Machingung and nearby fire could be heard just outside the walls all day Friday, but by noon today not a single shot broke the silence.

Gen. Chu Hsi-chun, governor of Hopeh province, announced in Peiping that he had ordered 150,000 men to be sent to the city. The city was surrounded by 75,000 Reds and the city had plenty of food for a siege.

Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Moosa in Peiping said the latest announcement of a defense to the last man caused worry among the citizens, who want the city spared from the ruin any such defense would bring.

In Hong Kong, exiled Marshal Li Chi-shen, Communist spokesman, in an interview with Associated Press Correspondent James D. White, declared that Fu was bluffing about the defense of Peiping in an attempt to drive a hard bargain for its surrender. Li insisted that Fu knows the Communists do not want to destroy the ancient capital, but could take it any time they wished to do so.

Li is the head of the exiled Kuomintang government, a spokesman for a Nationalist figure who might replace Chiang as president of China.

The marshal, Chiang's former chief of staff, said he told the emissary that Fu was bluffing. "If that happened," he said, "the Nationalist troops could remain in the areas they now occupy. He added that government administration otherwise must continue and order must be maintained."

Li is the head of the exiled Kuomintang revolutionary committee. He did not identify the Nanking politician, but it might be Vice President Li Tsung-jen, often mentioned as a candidate with the Reds for a coalition government.

"The fighting in this civil war is about over," Li told White. "There will be no more big battles because few Nationalist generals have many troops left. Those who do cannot get them to fight."

Li said Chiang's opponents will not establish a provisional government of China — a meeting "possibly in Peiping."

Meanwhile, a worsening of the governments position in the Nanking area was indicated by the withdrawal of defense headquarters to a point only 3 miles north-west of the capital.

Nanking was alive with rumors, including one that Chiang planned a last-minute flight.

From Peking, Associated Press Correspondent Seymour Topping reported "there is no military spokesman at headquarters here to comment on what is happening at the front."

He said that not even a chair remained at the office of Gen. Chang Yi-tung, deputy chief of the ministry of national defense information. An official in an adjacent office told Topping "Chang left suddenly and hurriedly for Chuanhsien last night."

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**Burglar Slain and Another Surrenders**

Hot Springs, Dec. 18 — (AP) — One man was killed and a police patrolman was wounded critically here early today during a gun battle between officers and two drug store burglars.

Police Lt. Melford Sanders tentatively identified the slain man as James Harrison Short, 30, of Dallas, Tex.

The wounded officer is Patrolman John Erney, 35, former Garland county deputy sheriff.

The two men ran into a narrow alley and opened fire as the officers closed in, Sanders reported.

The police lieutenant said Clarence Bryant, 25, Dallas, surrendered to police when his companion was killed.

Bryant is being held on an open charge.

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**Japan to Be Used as Defense Against Reds**

Washington, Dec. 18 — (UP) — The United States is building up Japan as the bulwark of its Pacific defense line against Communism, it was disclosed today.

Informed sources said this course has been selected by diplomatic and military leaders as the best bet to cope with recent Communist advances in China.

These sources said the Japanese economic stabilization program, announced yesterday by the army and state departments, was in line with the new policy of bolstering Japan. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was ordered to direct the Japanese to achieve economic stability "as rapidly as possible."

Japan was expected to put into effect a sweeping nine-point economic program to combat inflation and speed recovery. At present that country is costing American taxpayers some \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The report, the government announcement implied that U. S. funds for Japan might be cut if the reforms failed.

While economic recovery was listed as the primary aim of the drastic program, officials said it was a move to prod the Japanese into action in behalf of their strategic interests and those of the United States. If China falls to the Communist, it was pointed out, Japan would be the anti-Communist bulwark of a line running from the Soviet-controlled Kuril islands in the North through South Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, and the Philippines.

Authorities emphasized that Japan was not to be built up economically or militarily as any possible springboard of American aggression in the Far East. Present strategy, they explained carefully, is keyed to defense against Communism, nothing more.

In line with this new official thinking, the United States is expected to call for a larger Japanese police force, gradually remove as many controls on government as possible, and relax U. S. occupation policies. But there will be no tendency to "turn loose the former enemy nation, officials said. And there will be no by-passing of the policies laid down by the 11-nation Far Eastern commission, they said.

The joint state-army announcement said the new economic order called for "resolute and intensive action by the Japanese."

Most of the nine points outlined by the United States for Japan to follow already have been announced in Western Europe under the European Recovery program as a prerequisite for American aid.

They include balancing the budget by cutting down on government spending, a broader tax program, limitation of credits to economy recovery projects, strengthening of price and wage controls, boosting of foreign trade, and improvements in the present allocation and rationing programs.

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**Lifting of Oil Ban Considered by Government**

Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The government soon may lift all bans against the use of oil.

Unless there is a serious emergency, one official said, there should be plenty of petroleum for everybody this winter.

"Mild weather has accounted in part for the improved supply outlook," Robert E. Friedman, acting director of the interior department oil and gas division, told a reporter. "The shipping strike also prevented consumption of large amounts of oil."

But even without these factors there would have been enough oil to meet a normal demand.

Secretary of Interior Krug is known to be preparing a news announcement on the industrial and home-heating outlook for oil.

Associates said he probably will withdraw the general appeal he made to the public last week to stop converting home furnaces from coal to oil.

2. Revoke last winter orders requiring all government agencies to get permission from the Bureau of Reclamation before installing oil-burning equipment.

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**Telephone Strike Looms; Proposal is Rejected**

St. Louis, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Both sides in the rejected arbitration proposals in the southwestern Bell Telephone company wage contract negotiations and a union official said last night "It looks like a work stoppage may occur before Christmas."

The union, southwestern division of the International Workers of America, turned down a company counter-proposal which called for members of an arbitration board to be chosen by the governors of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. The company has approximately 50,000 union employees in those states.

A similar proposal advanced earlier by the union was rejected by the company. It would have permitted each of the presidents of the five state universities to choose an arbitrator to serve on a fact-finding board.

Vice-president Frank P. Lonergan of the union said that "unless both sides can agree to an arbitration pattern, or unless some outside source intervenes, it looks like a work stoppage may occur before Christmas. Union members feel that nine months is long enough to bargain."

Before last night's meeting adjourned, the union suggested a three-man arbitration board, with the company and union appointing one member each plus a representative of the U. S. department of conciliation. A company official said the plan was unwieldy and not likely to be effective.

The negotiators will meet again today but neither side had an overnight proposal to consider.

The union suggested a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase. The company is offering an average of 6.7 cents.

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**Doctor Tells of Slaying Wife's Lover**

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Dr. Robert C. Rutledge was rushed to the hospital earlier after swallowing poison when police arrived at his apartment to arrest him.

His condition was described as critical and permitted only brief police questioning.

In an oral statement to Detective Lieutenant John Sinclair and Detective Sergeant Maurice O'Neill, Rutledge described how he went to Cedar Rapids to have a showdown with Hatman, 29, regarding the latter's attentions to Mrs. Rutledge, a tall 23-year-old blond.

Officers quoted him as saying: "He wanted me to let Sydney (Mrs. Rutledge) get a divorce and sneered at me when I offered him money to stay away from her. He pulled out his wallet and flashed a large bankroll as if to say, 'I had more money than I.' That made me furious. I hit him in the face with my fist. He went down on one knee."

"He arose with a black-handled knife in his hand and lunged at me with it. I grabbed his arm in a judo hold and threw him over my shoulder, at the same time wrestling the knife from his hand. He got up and came at me a second time. I kept thrusting the knife at him and kept him away. He struck me in the nose and kicked me in the eye. One of my thrusts must have cut him. He went down."

Dr. Rutledge then told how he washed his hands in the bath room, picked up the knife and Hatman's money that was scattered over the room and drove back to St. Louis. On the way, he said he threw away the knife and all but \$35 of the money.

Dr. Rutledge told officers she met Hatman last February when both were employees of the same electrical firm. She told of boat trips with Hatman, one of which ended with a tryst in the Rutledge apartment.

Both Dr. Rutledge and his wife are graduates of Washington University. They were married in 1945. He formerly lived in Houston and is now resident physician at St. Louis Children's hospital.

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The doctor, who is a resident physician at St. Louis Children's hospital, is in a critical condition.

Sgt. Beckman said Rutledge mumbled phrases about having swallowed poison pills but was not able to add any coherent words.

The body of Byron C. Hatman, designer employed at the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company here, was found in the Cedar Rapids hotel room by a maid Wednesday morning. There was evidence of a terrific struggle and an inquest disclosed Hatman died of a stab wound.

Beckman quoted Mrs. Rutledge, 23, as saying she had been intimate with Hatman since July and that her husband went to Cedar Rapids when Hatman left the city Monday "to have it out with him."

He said authorities sought to question Dr. Rutledge after learning from Hatman's fellow employee that the young doctor sought revenge for Hatman's attentions to Mrs. Rutledge.

Detective Capt. William Washburn said today that he took the body of his apartment and took the poison when his wife told him police were there to arrest him.

Rutledge collapsed in a police car en route to police headquarters and was taken to city hospital. His blood was pumped and a chemical analysis of the poison was being made.

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**U. S. Rejects Czech Plea for Machines**

Washington, Dec. 17 — (AP) — The United States has in effect rejected a Czech government plea for more American shipments of critically-needed machinery and equipment, it was disclosed today.

Government officials said after studying the Czech appeal that the U. S. will continue to screen "very carefully" every American export to Czechoslovakia.

This policy means, they said, that no export licenses will be issued for "war potential" goods or scarce products for Czechoslovakia or any other Eastern European country.

Ambassador Vladimir Outrata of the Communist-run Czech government personally appealed to the state department Dec. 3 for a "more liberal trade policy" toward his country.

Preserved Philip

The head of the Indian King Philip, who led a massacre of New England colonists, was kept on a pole in Plymouth for 25 years, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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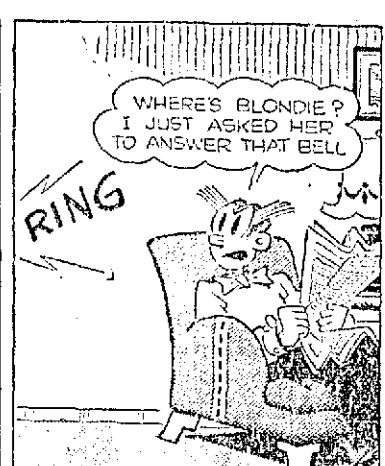
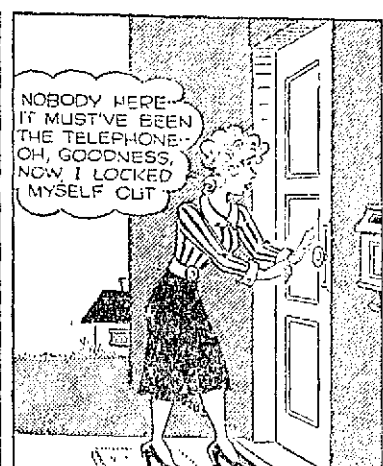
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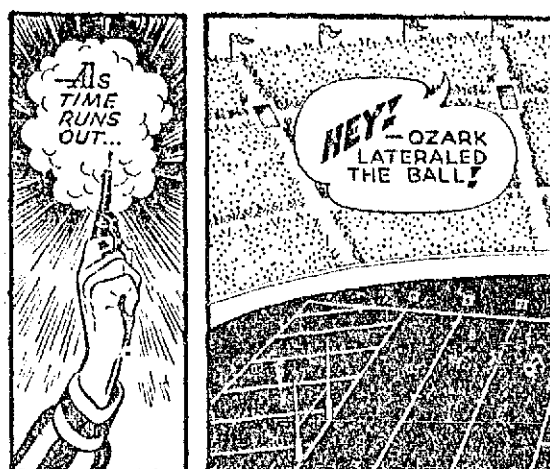


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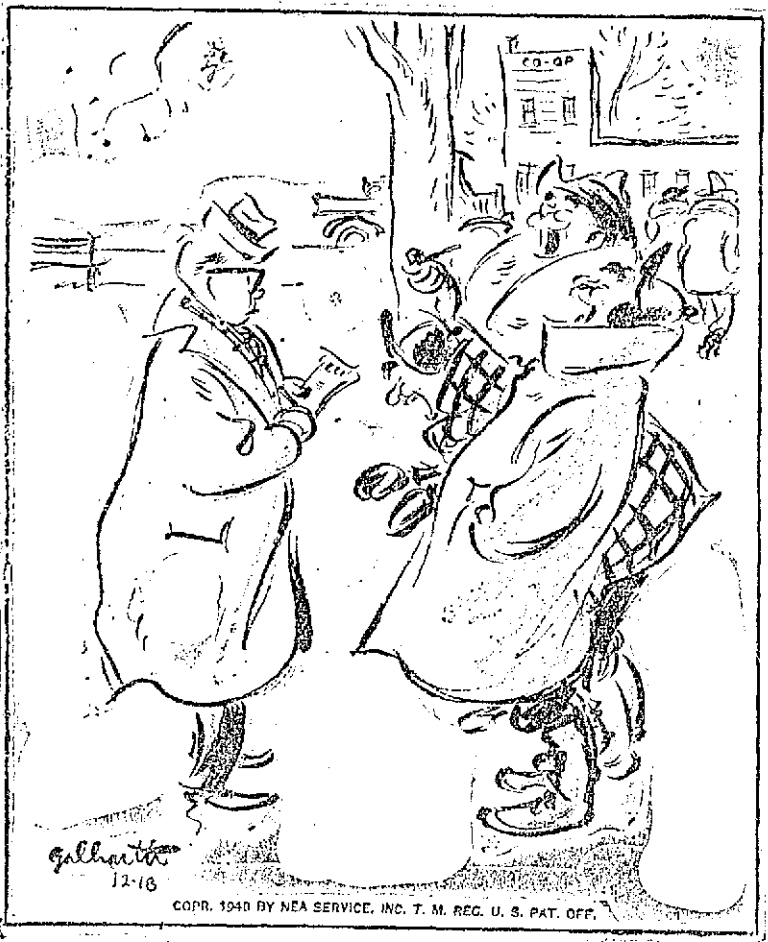
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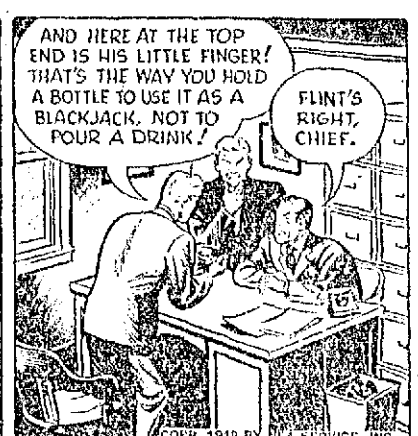
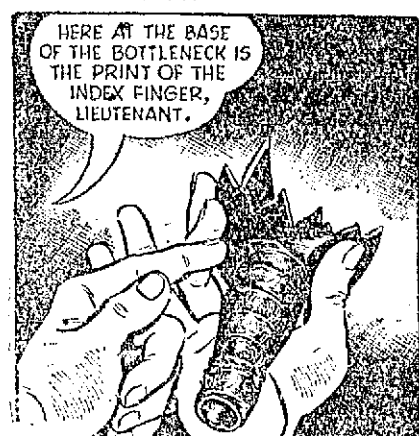
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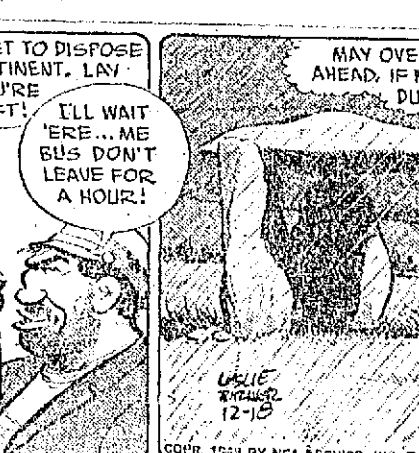
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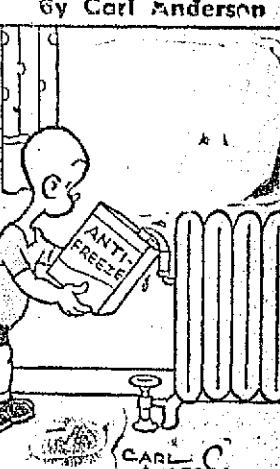
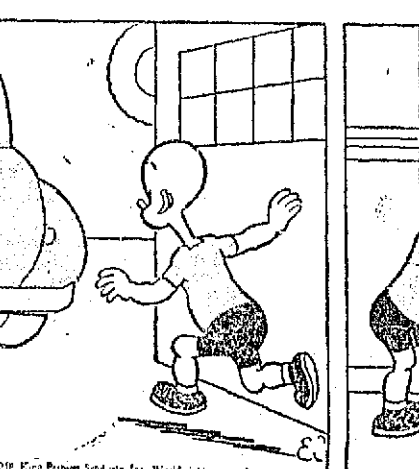
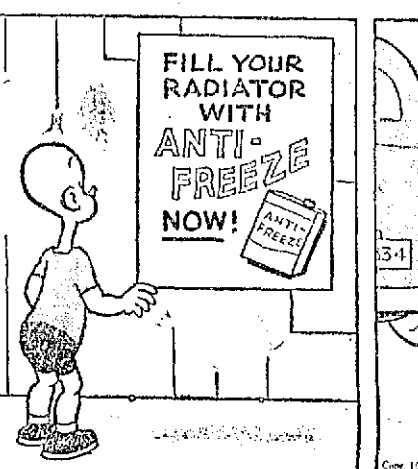
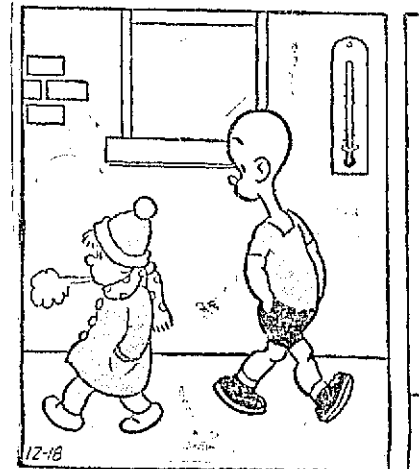
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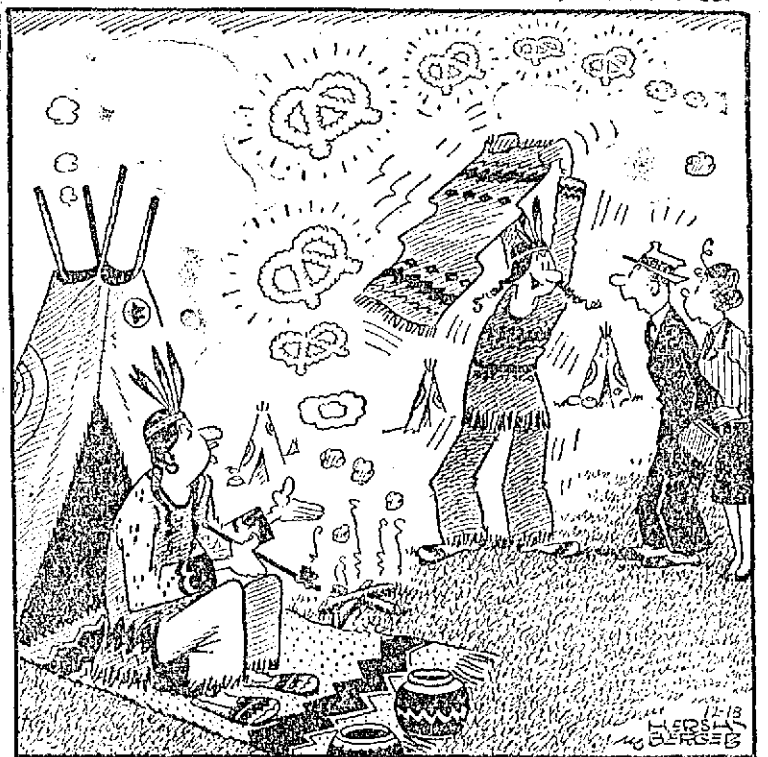
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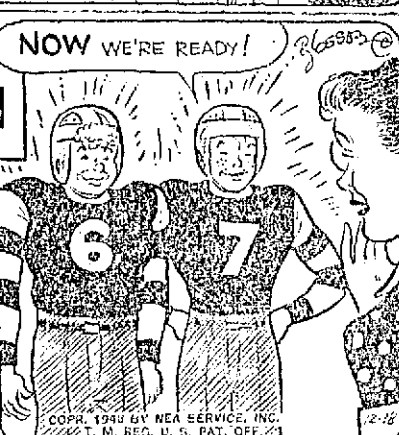
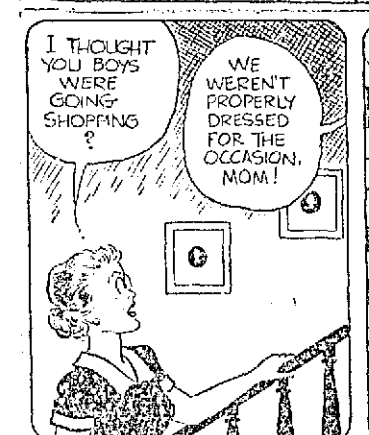
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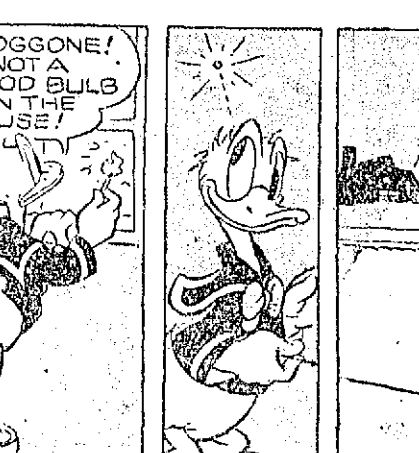
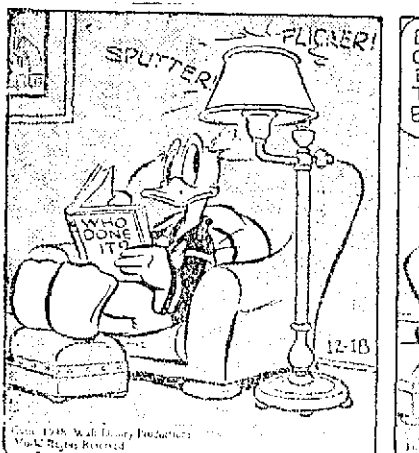


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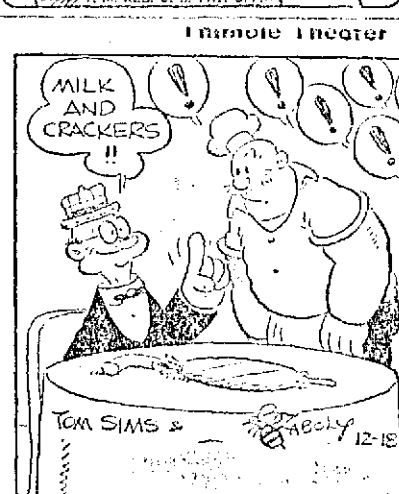
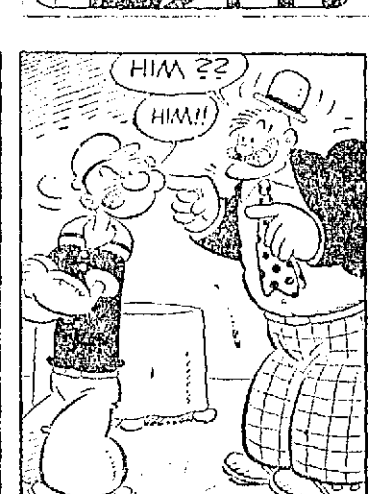


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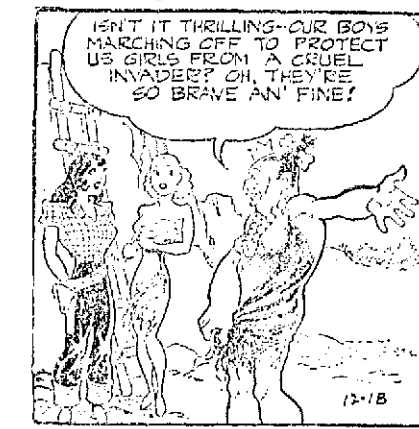


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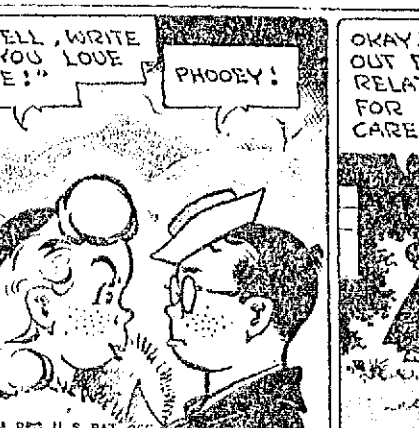
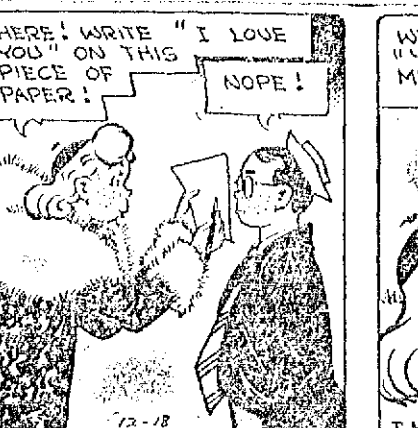
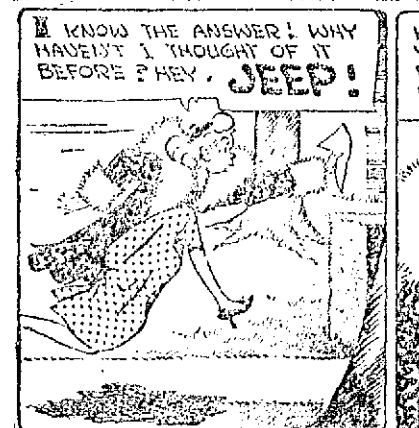


OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



BUGS BUNNY



By Edgar Martin



# Prescott News

Monday, December 20

The Order of the Eastern Star will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 at the Masonic Hall for the regular meeting.

The Ladies Council of the First Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Case Chappell. A Christmas program will be given.

The W.M.S. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m.

Upsilon Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma society, had their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Hester. Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton assisted Mrs. Hester as hostess. A delicious salad plate was served to the fourteen members present.

After a short business session all the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Circle 1 of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. L. Britt. Mrs. Edward Bryson opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Frank Williams, circle chairman, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Hody Butler read the meeting of the last meeting. Mrs. Williams gave a devotional on the Birth of Christ reading the Scripture Luke 2:8-10.

During the social hour a delicious dessert course was served to circle members: Mrs. Hody Butler, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. R. T. Murry, Mrs. C. H. Tompkins and guests of the circle, Mrs. N. D. Allen, Mrs. Edward Bryson and

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Circles 2 and 4 of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist church held a joint meeting on Monday after-

## Beware of Romance

By Roberta Courtland

THE STORY: Life seems bright and beautiful to sixteen-year-old Merry Carson, whose big moment in Tip Kennedy, captain of the high school football team. And when Tip driving her home in his Struggle Buggy, says there's something he wants to talk to her about, Merry's heart begins to do up-ups in her throat.

Tip seemed to have difficulty with his words, and the Struggle Buggy was parked in front of the Carson home before he finally said awkwardly, "I know that we're pretty young, Merry, and I don't want to go all soft and gooey. But I'm going to be through with high school this spring. I've decided I'm not going to college. Seems a waste of time, when I'm going into the garage with Pops, and I've got enough 'book-larin' for that. Pops needs me, and I figure I can learn as much by working with him as I could by taking a four-year loaf in college."

"Oh, Tip, I do think that's smart of you," breathed Merry, just exactly as she would have said it if he had said, "I'm planning to dive off the bridge into the river tomorrow at 3." Because to Merry whatever Tip did would be smart! Because Tip did it.

"I'm glad you think so, Merry," said Tip gratefully. "As well, I know you've got another year at high, and I thought by the time you finished, if you didn't plan to go to college."

"Well, then, how would it be if you and I sort of set our sights together? That is, when you get through high, we could be formally engaged and everything?" Merry's eyes were shining, and her young face was all aglow.

"I think that would be simply fantastic, Tip!" she told him shakily. Tip's lean, boyish face beneath the straw-colored, thickly crisped hair was radiant, and his blue eyes were warm and tender.

"You do, Merry? Gee, that's great. You've always been my girl, Merry. I think you're swell," he said huskily, and took off his class ring and offered it hesitantly. "Will you wear this, Merry, until we can persuade your folks and mine that it'll be all right for me to give you one with a diamond in it?"

Merry held up her little paw, grubby from the day's activities at school. The nails were embarrassing to her, for no matter how she tried, she couldn't quite manage not to bite them in moments of stress. And Tip slipped the ring on her finger, where it hung loosely.

"You're sweet, Merry, I'm pretty crazy about you," he said huskily. "I love you, too, Tip," she told him shyly.

Awkward, young, abashed, he bent his blond head and kissed her, and for a moment they sat looking at each other with shining eyes. And then, crazily, the most absurd shyness swept over her and she fumbled with the door and said hurriedly, "I'd better go. Dad's home. I see his car. They don't like me to be late for supper."

"Your dad's frantic, Merry. One of the best. And your mother, too. Gee-gosh, isn't it great our parents are such close friends? You know something, Merry? You and I are going to be exactly like them. They've been married for 20-odd years and they are still in love and still devoted. I don't think I could take it if we had the kind of parents that are always shrieking at each other and maybe getting divorced."

Merry shivered. For in Marshville, an old-fashioned, rather sedate town, divorce was still a word one did not quite accept. "Wouldn't it be awful?" she agreed, and smiled at him radiantly. "Well, we don't have to ever worry about divorce in our families. Tip—there's never been one in our family as I have read or heard. Nor in yours, either."

Tip smiled tenderly at her. "And we'll see to it that we keep the record clean, won't we?" "Oh, yes, Tip."

He kissed her, came around the car to help her climb over the door, carried her heavy pile of school books up to the front door of the big, mellow old-fashioned white frame house, and there in the autumn dusk, he said softly, "Be seeing you, dream boat."

"Be seeing you," she answered lightly, and was gone.

(To Be Continued)

noon at the home of Mrs. Madison Ingram.

The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Mettie Robinson.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Clifton Yancey, circle chairman.

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan presented the last two chapters in the study of Acts.

A delectable dessert course was served to Mrs. Will Grimes, Mrs. Clifton Yancey, Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mrs. L. L. Buchanan, Mrs. Watson White Jr. and Mrs. A. S. F. Ridgill.

Mrs. Sidney Loomis was hostess to circle 3 of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist church at her home on Monday afternoon. Chrysanthemums decorated the rooms.

Mrs. Claud Cox offered the opening prayer. Mrs. Loomis, circle chairman, presided over the business session. Mrs. Leroy Phillips and Mrs. Orville Odom gave the last two chapters on the study of Acts.

During the social hour Mrs. Loomis served a delicious dessert

course to members: Mrs. J. T. McRae, Mrs. R. I. Worthom, Mrs. McRae Munn, Mrs. Logan Anderson, Mrs. Robin Jester, Mrs. Cloud Cox, Mrs. Orville Odom and Mrs. Leroy Phillips.

The Euclidian Sunday School class of the First Baptist church enjoyed their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Edward Bryson with Mrs. J. T. McRae and Mrs. Otis Langston assistant hostesses.

Mrs. McRae, the president, had charge of the business meeting. The devotional "Gift to the World" was given by Mrs. Watson Buchanan followed by a solo "Silent Night" by Mrs. Don Selice. Mrs. Bryson led the group in prayer. Each member told of the Christmas that impressed them most. Santa presented the gifts to the members from a lovely lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. Bryson, class teacher, was presented a beautiful gift of glassware by the class.

During the social hour a delicious

salad course suggestive of the Yule-

tide season was served to the twelve members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blakely and Mrs. Werner Hamilton spent Tuesday in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sawyer of Hohenwald, Tenn., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gordon.

Mrs. Joe Boswell, Mrs. Frank Turberville and Mrs. Orin Ellsworth spent Wednesday in Texarkana.

Homer Burke who has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. J. Burke has returned to his home in Mattoon, Ill.

Miss Mildred Bemis, student at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., arrived Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Bemis.

Miss Kate Sparks Bemis, student at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., has arrived to spend the

## Spring Hill Downs Okay 32 to 17

Spring Hill Independents defeated Okay Cement team 32-17 last night in the first game of a double-header at Spring Hill gym. Martin was high for Spring Hill with 10 points followed by Collins with 9. Stanton led the Okay boys with 10 points.

In the second game a Hope Independent team had plenty of trouble downing the Spring Hill boys 29-26. Turner bagged 8 points for Spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bemis.

Mrs. Tom Bemis, Mrs. C. F. Pittman, Mrs. D. L. McRae, Jr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitaker spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Little Rock.

Hill, Martin chalked up 7. Green was high for Hope with 11, followed by Rothwell and Rogers with five each.

## Bobcats Split a Pair at Arkadelphia

The Hope Bobcats lost to Arkadelphia's Badgers 28 to 23 last night in a ragged contest that was full of miscues. The Bobcats just were not clicking the first half and it lost them the ball game.

In the second half the Bobcats came back strong to outscore the Badgers but failed to even the big lead. While the A boys were taking a drubbing, the "B" squad easily licked Arkadelphia's seconds 29 to 15.

Coach Jack Hopkins was fairly well pleased with the boys indicating they were "coming along." The

## Story of Heroism in Connection With Crash

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 17 —(UP) —A story of heroism was told today by an air force officers investigating the crash of a C-52 Packet which killed four men and injured three others.

Sgt. William T. Raulston, the first to reach the flaming hulk of the crashed airplane yesterday, dragged its pilot, Capt. Thurston B. Walker to safety, saving his life, officers said.

next game is with Prescott on January 4.

The Bobcats are learning Coach Hopkins' system which is entirely new to them and were not expected to set the court on fire this early in the season. As the season gets well underway the team is expected to improve considerably and there is a good possibility of Coach Hopkins developing a pretty strong ball club come tournament time.

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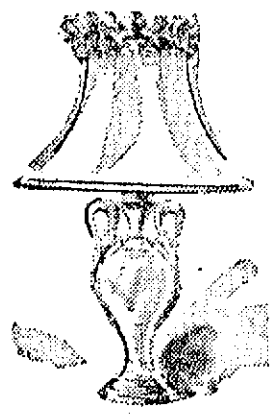
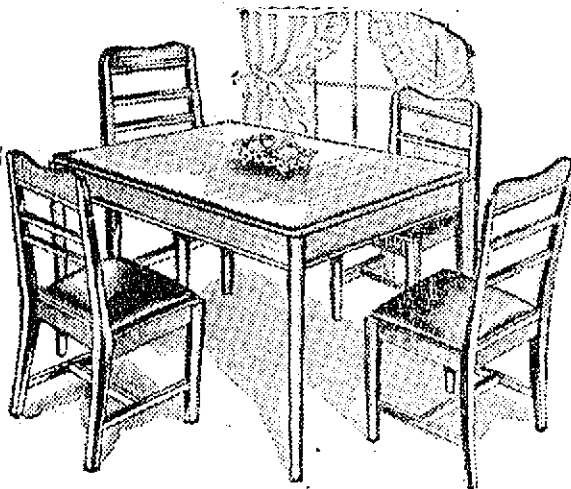


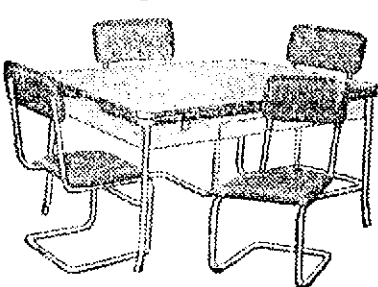
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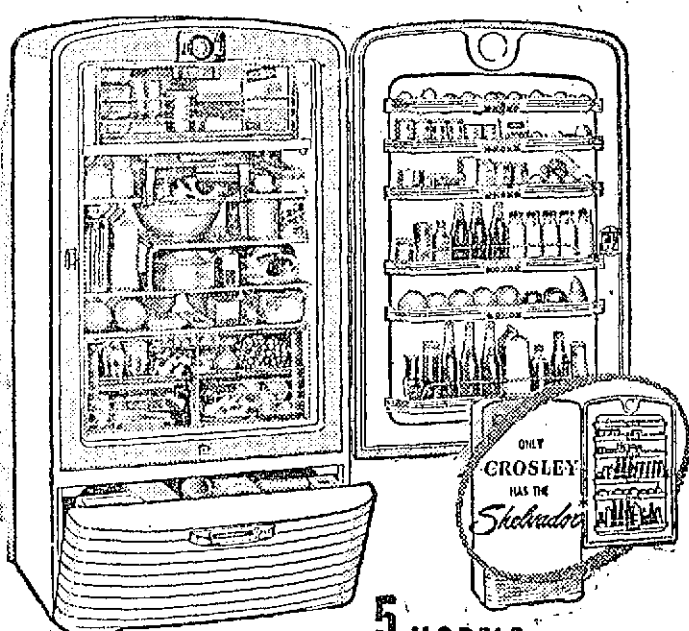
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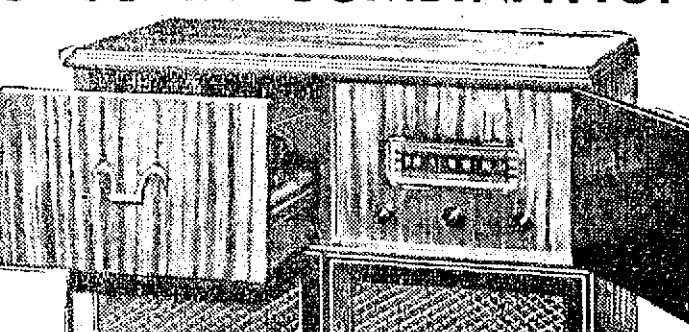
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